REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STERLING, NEBRASKA

The Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sterling, Nebraska, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office being a publicly convened meeting the same being open to the public and having been preceded by advanced publicized notice at the following locations: First Bank of Nebraska-Sterling, Sterling Public Library, and Village of Sterling Village Office. Chairman John Keizer called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Tom Nieveen, Danny Fraley, Ralph Wusk and Steve Lempka. Others present: Spencer Pagel, Roger Moss, John Moss, Audrey Keebler, and Adrian Allen.

Chairman John Keizer acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the North wall and led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Lempka made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. No public comment.

These bills were approved for payment: A Street Auto North, sup.-26.85; Becky Barney, lib. Supply-43.44; Black Hills, heating-197.38; BMG CPA’s, fees-300.00; Community Insurance Group, Inc.-15,151.00; Colonial Life, ins.-206.05; Constellation, heat-23.21; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-192.62; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-840.60; Hamilton Equipment Company, repairs-5800.00; Hancock Lumber, LLC, sup.-2.60; Jet Stop, fuel-237.50; Kudu Lawn & Landscape, mowing-2100.00; Kuhl Trenching & Excavating, Inc., repairs-11583.00; Midwest Lab, fees-63.77; NPPD, electricity-2573.63; NPHEL, samples-15.00; Olsson, fees for E. Locust St. bridge-5483.37; One Call Concepts, Inc., fee-26.53; Payroll September, payroll-7243.27; Payroll Taxes September, taxes-1923.24; Samantha Gordon, insurance-500.00; Spencer Pagel, Insurance-500.00; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; SENDD, fee-548.00; Tecumseh Chieftain, pub.-126.36; Trauernicht Brothers Stump Removal, stump removal-581.00; Voice News, pub.-222.61; Waste Connections, refuse-6154.97; Windstream, telephone-343.15. Total: $63,109.15.

Adrian Allen discussed having an agreement drafted up between the school and Village for maintenance on the football field in case of turnover to know who’s responsible for what. Spencer discussed switching the football field lights to LEDs and doing a cost share with the school for an estimate of $55,660, Adrian will take to the school board for discussion and get back to us.

Becky Barney, librarian, wasn’t in attendance but has applied for two grants and Gladys Kuhlman is interested in the vacant library board position but will include on next month’s agenda for appointing.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, had John Moss discuss fixing culvert by the school and bid. Wusk made a motion to hire John Moss to fix the culvert by the school at the corner of Main and Illinois Street and Fraley seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Spencer discussed putting signs up on the East Locust Street bridge for weight limits but Olsson said it’s not necessary since it’s in town. Also, discussed illegal use of dumpsters continuing with mattresses and recliners currently down there. Board discussed changing the illegal dumping fee to $250 per instance. Nieveen made a motion to discontinue rural dumpsters at end of the year if illegal dumping continues and change illegal dumping fee to $250 per instance and Fraley seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Samantha Gordon, Village Clerk, discussed prices for replacing downtown clock with an updated LED one that we are able to change the message on for a cost of $18,740 or just go with a time and temp replacement for $6,990 or $9,355 depending on size. Mecure mentioned Cook having a fairly decent one, so need to get in contact with them to see on prices and where they got it for the next meeting.

Chairman Keizer discussed that the legion is going to put in twenty new flagpole holes later this month out at the cemetery.

Samantha Gordon, zoning administrator, discussed Kurt Larkins wanting to put up a shipping container on his vacant lot but Mecure advised that it’s not a permitted use in the current zoning ordinance. Also, car wash inquiries were discussed with not being a permitted use in downtown commercial district. Discussed options and agreed that the zoning ordinance can be changed to allow for car washes as a permitted use in downtown and highway commercial districts.

Midwest Engineering will be at November meeting with updates on the Broadway Street bridge. Property cleanups were discussed and will go out and look at current conditions.

Vacant property registrations were discussed with second round of fees going out. FEMA quarterly reports will be filed for reimbursement of funds on East Locust Street bridge.

Board discussed complaint about there not being a door on the mens bathroom stall, Spencer said there was a door out in cemetery shed so could dig it out and see if it would work. Nieveen made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION WHEREAS, The Village of Sterling, Nebraska, has conducted a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards, NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Chairperson and Village Board that the One and Six Year Plan for streets as presented at said public hearing has been accepted and approved** and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Lempka made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION 2021-5 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE PAYMENT OF PAYROLL AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL OF CLAIMS BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRAKSA** and Fraley seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Wusk made a motion to approve pay app 4 for VanKirk Bros. Contracting in the amount of $77,918.40 and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Fraley made a motion to transfer funds from Highway Allocation to General for VanKirk Bros. Contracting pay apps 3 & 4 in the amount of $219,011.40 and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Lempka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. and Fraley seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

John Keizer, Chairman of the Board Samantha Gordon, Village Clerk